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IN THE PRIZE RING.

Two Well-Contested Battles Fought Last Night.

SLAVIN KNOCKED OUT BY JACKSON.

For Whom He Was Clearly no Match Being Worried from the Start—Cal McCarthy Goes Down Before Bobby Burns.

The Slavin-Jackson Fight. LONDON, May 31.—The fight between Peter Jackson and Frank P. Slavin, for the championship of Australia and a purse of \$10,000 took place last evening at the National Sporting Club. The result was a victory for Jackson in the tenth round.

Although the members of the club who had seen reserved subscribers from \$25 to \$500 each for the privilege and paid \$125 more for every guest introduced, the hall was crowded to its full capacity. According to social and sporting standards a finer audience never gathered to witness a prize fight in this city. Almost every conspicuous member of the club was present, allowing his neighbor, some member of the high aristocracy. Most of the audience were in evening dress.

R. J. Angle, who refereed the Sullivan-Mitchell fight in France, was selected as the referee. Lord Lansdale introduced the principals in a neat speech in which he said fair play would be given both men. The principals were the Englishman, Slavin, and the Scotchman, Jackson. Slavin was accompanied by Tom Burrows, of London; Tom Williams and his own brother, Jack, Charles Mitchell, who was selected by Slavin at first as one of his second, was not allowed to enter the club on account of his ungentlemanly conduct in the club house one evening some time ago. Jackson's seconds were "Parson" Charles Davies, of Chicago, Joe Chalmers, of San Francisco, and Harry Smith, of London.

Previous to the fight of the night the customary sparring exhibition took place. The contestants were Tom Williams, of London, and Jackson at 122. Slavin was accompanied by his own brother, Jack, Charles Mitchell, who was selected by Slavin at first as one of his second, was not allowed to enter the club on account of his ungentlemanly conduct in the club house one evening some time ago. Jackson's seconds were "Parson" Charles Davies, of Chicago, Joe Chalmers, of San Francisco, and Harry Smith, of London.

The betting which had ruled at seven to four in Slavin's favor, was reduced to five to four and finally to eleven to ten, when the men entered the ring, which was twenty feet square, instead of the regulation twenty-four foot ring.

After the preliminary boxing exhibition a dead silence ensued. Jackson entered the ring first. He walked with a firm step and his bearing showed confidence. Slavin entered shortly afterwards. The men at once shook hands and took their corners. Upon the call of "Time" at 1:15, both men walked briskly to the center of the ring. Jackson seemed to be taller two inches taller than Slavin. But little time was wasted in sparring.

First Round.—Slavin led for Jackson's body. Jackson, however, avoided him. Slavin followed him up and Jackson countered on his nose. This annoyed Slavin, and he got home with his right on Jackson's body. Both men then "fiddled" all around the ring. The round ended with little damage done on either side.

Second Round.—Slavin seemed anxious to get to work and led with both hands, one after the other, but Jackson's long left was always in the way. The black man drew first blood by landing a straight punch full on Slavin's mouth and nose. First blood claimed and allowed for Jackson. Slavin's friends seemed confident, nevertheless, that Paddy's blows would speedily tell on the negro. Jackson relied on his left to take the sting out of these blows.

Third Round.—The men left their corner with alacrity. Jackson did not feel the heat which was stifling in the club room, and looked fresh and fresh. On the other hand Slavin's face showed plainly the punishment he had received. Again Slavin led. He began by plunging his right heavily into Jackson's ribs. He did not hurt the negro, however, and the latter smiled back at him confidently. Some sharp lightning was indulged in, and in Jackson showed his superiority. Time was called, the round ending in favor of the negro. Both men were slightly weary.

Fourth Round.—At the beginning of the round Slavin's backers were worried and tried to hedge on their money. Jackson opened hostilities by landing hard in Slavin's face with his left and followed it up with a terrific right hander in the same place. Slavin's face now assumed the hue of a boiled lobster. He was bleeding all over and did not seem to mind the awful punishment he was suffering. He seemed puzzled for the negro, but his blows were weak.

Fifth Round.—Slavin seemed the worse for wear, and it was evident that if he was to win at all the change must come soon. Jackson, too, to be sure, was partly on the defensive, now became very aggressive and forced the fighting. He landed both hands, one after the other, full in Slavin's face, and neatly avoided any return. Slavin, however, followed up his antagonist, only to receive more punishment. The round in Jackson's favor.

Sixth Round.—At this stage of the fight, both men were clearly on their feet, but not with no talents. Slavin fought slightly but he did not make any headway. From this point on, the fight never seemed to be in doubt. Jackson did not throw away his chance, but kept driving his left in Slavin's face and stepping away from Slavin's counters. Slavin seemed very groggy and his blows were wildly erratic.

Seventh Round.—Slavin appeared to be greatly refreshed, and rallied. He fought with the tenacity of a bull dog, but the sledgehammer blows delivered by Jackson were telling on him.

Eighth Round.—This round was pretty much the same as the seventh, and both men appeared to be weak, especially Slavin.

Ninth Round.—Slavin's weakness increased very rapidly, while Jackson seemed to gain somewhat. Jackson continued delivering his left in Slavin's face with telling effect.

Tenth Round.—Jackson kept up his heavy punishment and delivered blow after blow about the face, neck and body. He then swung his right under Slavin's head and followed this blow quickly with his left in Slavin's face. This move he repeated

CAUGHT ON A CURVE.

A Santa Fe Express Wrecked at Lamont, Ill.

WITH A LONG LIST OF CASUALTIES.

Engine, Tender and Sleeper Thrown Into the River—Difficulty of Rescuing the Wounded—Conflicting Statements.

CHICAGO, May 31.—The wreck of the Santa Fe express, from St. Louis to Chicago, which occurred at Lamont, a small quarry town about twenty miles from Chicago, Sunday night, resulted in the instant killing of the engineer, W. A. Isabella, the serious injuring of three more, the maiming of the seriously injured are: Charles L. Elder, right side bruised. Mrs. Charles L. Elder, his wife, face cut.

Charles H. Fahning, head bruised. J. J. Allen, right leg injured. Mary Kilpatrick, injured about the head internally. Della Fowler, head cut. Mrs. Maria Bissell, head and back injured.

The above are all Chicago people. Mrs. R. Quigley, of the Southern hotel, St. Louis, cut about the face and head. C. S. Duke, Peoria, left arm cut and badly bruised.

Chris Sudeen, the fireman, leg and arm badly crushed. Miss Belle French, internal injuries.

Of these Mrs. Bissell was the most seriously injured and is likely to die. The injured were conveyed to this city by special train arriving at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. Kilpatrick were taken to the Mercy hospital. The others were removed to their homes by the ambulance.

Mrs. Quigley, of St. Louis, was left at the American house, Lemont. It is stated by the passengers that at the time of the accident the train was running at a high rate of speed to meet the Chicago express.

The engine and tender struck a cow and calf which were on the track. The engine and tank jumped the track, and after running a short distance on the track, rolled over on its side.

The baggage car was landed on its side; the smoker followed, breaking the coupling with the sleeper. The latter tumbled with fearful rapidity into the river, and the engine and tender. The panic and confusion which ensued made more difficult the task of attending to the wounded and of rescuing the occupants of the sleeper from their perilous position.

The Santa Fe officials claim that the train was not running at an excessive rate of speed, and that the accident was the result of a sharp curve, which rendered it impossible to see the obstruction too late to bring the train to a stand.

PASSARA WINS.

Thirty Thousand Persons Witness the Opening Races at Morris Park.

New York, May 31.—The opening of the racing season at Morris Park, with its immense stretches and magnificent scenery, opened its racing season yesterday afternoon in a blaze of glory. With a card that could not be surpassed and the weather, despite a few showers, was just what was desired, it was no surprise to see racers turn out en masse, and when the bell, at 2 o'clock, rang for the horses entered in the first race, to go to the post, fully 30,000 persons were assembled in the commodious grand stand, on the spacious lawn and in the free field.

The feature of the day was the Metropolitan handicap, one of the most important to the Brooklyn or Suburban handicaps, for which some of the best horses in training were entered. Passara, who ran so gamely in the Brooklyn handicap, was the favorite, and he was not disappointed.

Passara won, and he was running easily. He took the lead at the start, and he was not challenged. He was running easily. He took the lead at the start, and he was not challenged. He was running easily. He took the lead at the start, and he was not challenged.

There were twenty-one prizes, the first prize being a bicycle. John C. Wotmore was referee.

In this race Howard of the Smith, New Bedford, Mass., broke the world's record for twenty miles, making the distance in 1:17:45, breaking his own record of 1:19:15. He gets the prize for the best time in the race.

Another Record Breaker. CLEVELAND, O., May 31.—The Cleveland Wheel club's annual road race from Cleveland to Toledo and return, attracted thirty-five riders from northern Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. The distance is twenty-three miles, and the limit of handicap twenty-three minutes. Alex. Winton, a twenty-minute man, finished first, and M. E. Merth, second. F. Turner won the time medal, covering the distance in 1 hour, 11 minutes and 30 seconds, beating the record fifteen minutes. Fred H. Brown was second. All the winners were Cleveland men.

Manhattan Athletic Club Spring Games. NEW YORK, May 31.—The fifteenth annual spring games of the Manhattan Athletic Club took place yesterday at the Manhattan field. There was a fair crowd present. The track was in good condition, and fine performances resulted, though no records were broken.

Chicagos Grain Market. CHICAGO, May 31.—J. B. Woollas, of the Lake View Cattle club, won the greyhound race, racing from the starting with a six-minute handicap, and crossing the tape first in 58 minutes and 40 seconds. H. R. Wilschup won the time trial, making the distance in 61 minutes and 38 seconds. The second prize for time was captured by H. A. Githens in 61 minutes and 64 seconds.

The first river and harbor bill passed in 1890 and it called for the expenditure of \$25,000.

A moment at the Paris opera has been found to play agonizing music on the violin.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Proceedings of the General Assembly at Portland, Ore.

Portland, Ore., May 31.—The report of the committee on theological seminaries, with the minority report and resolutions, was read by the clerk in the Presbyterian general assembly yesterday. Dr. Blayney offered a resolution amending the report in such a manner as to make it appear more presentable on the records. Dr. Ketchum read a paper coinciding with Dr. Blayney's resolution. He held that the words "de jure vacant" have no proper place in the report and resolutions. The assembly has just ratified the election of several professors and if they should exploit now ideas the assembly could not use the power of the compact. The speaker urged the assembly to give up the compact and let the seminaries elect such professors as they desire. If they practice heresy, try them for it, but leave the seminaries untrammelled.

Dr. Barnshaw, of Louisville, N. Y., then offered the minority report. He said the majority report contains the directors of Union seminary. They are equal to the assembly as regards this compact, and their memorial should be entertained. They cannot be brought under a compact amended or changed. A motion was made to lay the amendment on the table.

Judge Wilson, of Iowa, the chairman of the committee said: "You may search this report with a microscope and not find reflections cast upon the directors of the Union seminary. It simply says 'the directors did not comply with the vote power and therefore the chair became de jure vacant.' The assembly must control the appointment of the instructors of theology."

Mr. Taylor, the framer of the minority report, said there had been a good deal of misunderstanding. Last year there was a difference in opinion about the matter of arbitration and it comes up again. Committees were appointed last year, but it was found impracticable. Now there comes here a report from six of the forty-three who met a year ago, who say we can arbitrate. The seminary was not in rebellion and had a right to retain Dr. Briggs till the assembly meets again. We have no right to annul the compact. Union seminary has found that the compact is fraught with danger and that she has suffered and that others may suffer. The best way to keep Union seminary is to let her out of the compact.

Dr. Patterson offered a substitute in resolution form declaring that since Union seminary had ignored the veto power of the assembly and had already broken the compact, that a committee of ministers be appointed to investigate.

Mr. Moffatt, of Baltimore, said Union seminary trembled because she was conscious of having done wrong. If justice were done Union seminary, it would be cut loose and discarded from the list of seminaries of the Presbyterian church.

In the afternoon Col. Elliot F. Sheperd read the report of the committee on Sabbath observance, recommending, among other things, that the Chicago exposition be closed on Sundays, and pledging the members of the assembly to use their endeavors to secure this end, and that if it was not done to absent themselves from the fair. The report was adopted.

The report of the standing committee on temperance was next read and excited considerable discussion. Prof. Stephenson, of New York, moved to strike out of the preamble a statement that the house would not support any political party that did not come out square in favor of prohibition, but the assembly retained this clause by a vote of 127 to 205.

A SENSATIONAL CASE. Trial of H. Clay King for the Murder of David H. Poston.

Memphis, Tenn., May 31.—The most sensational criminal case ever tried in this state is now being heard before the supreme court at Jackson. In March, 1891, Col. H. Clay King shot and killed David H. Poston, attorney for the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia railroad, on the principal street of this city. Poston was walking alone and he passed an alley Col. King stepped forward, placed a .45-caliber pistol against Poston's stomach and fired. Poston died two days later. The murder grew out of a lawsuit of Mrs. Gen. Gideon Pillow against Col. King. Col. King had become infatuated with this woman and decided her a plantation in Arkansas. Poston was Mrs. Pillow's attorney at the trial in the lower court.

Col. King was defended by six noted lawyers, but after a three day trial a session he was found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged. The case is now being tried on an appeal.

Col. King will today make a speech in his own behalf. He is a Confederate soldier and the author of a alleged of the Tennessee original law. It is expected that his speech will be sensational. During the war Col. King was in the Confederate army, a Confederate regiment. He is a man of great courage. Poston was a popular man, and lawyers from all parts of the state are at Jackson watching the case. Col. King says he killed Poston because in a brief he made derogatory remarks about his wife, though the records never showed this to be a fact. Col. King is over sixty years old.

A Missouri Cyclone. Mexico, Mo., May 31.—News reached here yesterday morning of a cyclone that visited the northern part of the county, a few miles north of the one that occurred one year ago, when five persons were killed and an immense amount of property was destroyed. Mr. Berry's house was blown to pieces, but no one was injured. Wm. Brenton's house was blown down. There were eleven people in the house, two of whom were injured. Alvin Brenton and Mrs. W. C. Brenton, neither seriously. Not a tree was left in a section of timber owned by John Mackeay. Rain that followed the cyclone came solid in banks.

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THE LIMIT OF LAW.

William Allen, the Private Detective, Comes to Grief.

HIS PECULIAR METHODS CONDEMNED.

A Woman's Fair Name Held Sacred in the Eye of the Law. A Salutory Example for Other Evil Doers.

St. Louis, May 31.—William Allen, alias Adams, alias Bartholomew, was tried in the first district police court yesterday morning on a charge of disturbing the peace, and was fined \$500.

It is the man arrested by Detectives Smith and Allender, last Thursday, for sending letters to Mrs. E. H. Ponath, wife of a well-known real estate agent, to induce her to meet him at a house of assignation. Col. John I. Martin represented the defendant in court, and Mr. Dempsey and City Attorney Butler prosecuted.

The first witness examined was Mrs. E. H. Ponath. She said that she had never seen the defendant until she saw him in court when this case was first called. She received two letters at her house, 2895 Chestnut street, last Wednesday. At this point Col. Martin objected to the evidence on the ground that his client was charged with disturbing the peace and as he was not present when the letters were received the evidence on that point was irrelevant, but Judge Morris overruled the objection. The witness said the letters were delivered at her house, or rather her father's house, by a messenger boy.

Two letters were exhibited to the witness and identified by her as the two received from the messenger boy. They were signed Wm. Adams, and were a request to Mrs. Ponath to meet him at 731 North Twenty-first street that night.

Detective Allender then took the stand and testified that Allen had admitted to him that he wrote the letters. Mr. Martin then asked the witness if after arresting the defendant he didn't with his partner beat him in the face and extort from him a statement that he had written the letters.

Counsel for the city objected to the question, and Mr. Martin changed the question. He asked where the defendant was arrested. Mr. Allender answered on Thirtieth and Chestnut streets, and in answer to other questions, said that after arresting Adams, alias Allen, he and his partner, Detective Smith, took him to 731 North Twenty-first street. On the way the witness pulled a couple of letters from his pocket and showed them to Adams, and asked him if he wrote them, and Adams replied that he did.

The next question was in regard to the alleged beating of the defendant by the witness and Detective Smith. Mr. Allender answered that their partner made an effort to give them the slip and they slapped him. Each of them gave him a couple of slaps. That was all there was to the beating. Witness testified that 731 North Twenty-first street was an assignation house. Mr. Martin thought it very strange that detectives should know of the existence of such a house in St. Louis and not endeavor to suppress it.

Before leaving the stand Mr. Allender went over the whole ground of the arrest of Allen and the different conversations he had with him, and then Detective Yellie testified to the bad character of the house at 731 North Twenty-first street, and his testimony was corroborative of that given by Mr. Allender. The testimony of a couple of newspaper reporters was then taken to more thoroughly establish the fact of the defendant's confession to having written the letters.

Charles Spore, the painter, whose name was used by Allen in his letters, testified that he had never seen Adams until after his arrest last Thursday, and that he had not authorized him to write the letters. Mr. Spore claimed that he never said anything disrespectful about Mrs. Ponath to anyone, and that he does not know anything against her and he cannot understand how his name came to be used in those letters.

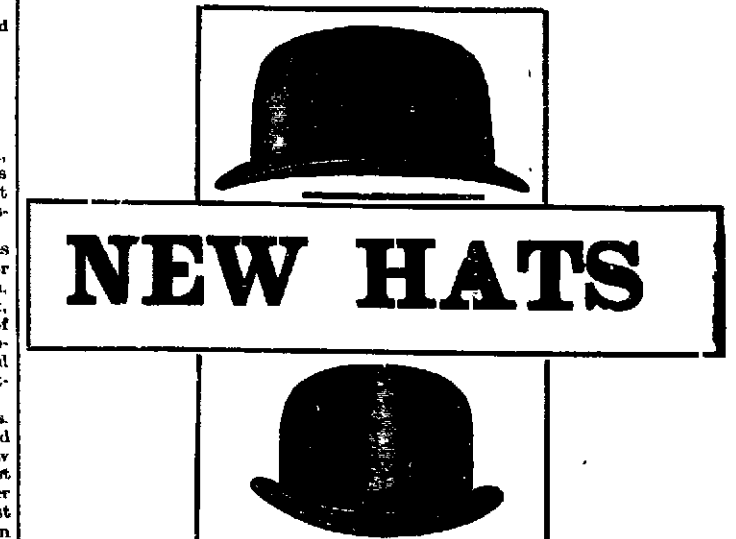
Col. Martin had no evidence to offer in defense of his client, deeming it advisable not to give the prosecution an opportunity to cross-examine him. Judge Morris gave Adams the maximum punishment provided by the law for a disturbance of the peace, namely a fine of \$500, and said that he was sorry that he could not make it heavier as there was merit, any punishment so severe for a man who would resort to such despicable means to ruin a woman's character.

Col. Martin took an appeal and furnished bond for himself and Allender for \$10,000 each for assault and battery.

There was nothing brought out in the evidence to show that Mr. Ponath had anything whatever to do with the hiring of Allen.

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Tax invitations will soon be sent out for the religious picnic to be held at Oakland Park on July 4th.

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New spring shades in kid gloves and monogrammed suede gloves, just received at Linn & Scruggs D. G. & C. Co.

THERE was an Iowa Blaine delegate in Decatur to-day on his way to Chicago. He will be at Minneapolis June 7.

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New and elegant styles Gingham Prints, Folds du Nord, Peasgood, Bedford Novelty, and other new wash fabrics, on sale now at Linn & Scruggs D. G. & C. Co.

This date for the First M. E. church Sunday school picnic and excursion has been finally fixed for Tuesday, June 21. The picnic will be at Mackinaw.

Teacup shoes, 75c and \$5 a pair. Chocolate, tan and brown shoes, for men, newest patterns, made by Hammond & Non and Burt & Packard, at
m30-dwtf Pomeroy's Shoe Store.

J. FRANK JONES, of the Chicago News, is here canvassing the city for his paper. He will be here two weeks and is working more particularly to collect a campaign list.

The funeral of the late Fred. Butzner, Jr., will take place from the German Lutheran church on Thursday, June 2, at 11:30 a. m. Rev. Vetter officiating. The cortege will leave the house at 10 a. m. Burial at Greenwood.

For several years past a gentleman in Nubia, N. H., has been in the habit of taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla to keep up his system preparatory to the heated term. He finds that this medicine relieves the tired feeling so prevalent during spring and early summer.

PHILIP TURNER, a painter, was arrested in Decatur yesterday by Officer Leach on a state warrant charging him with the arrest of a girl at Charleston. He was taken to the jail by the police. Turner said he would go to jail rather than marry the girl.

The Decatur police force cut quite a swell yesterday in the parade, with Marshal Mason in command. There was a double platoon of 12 men all in uniform, and they marched so well that there was a suspicion about that they had been practicing for the day; but they did not march in line in perfect time to music, come national with the Decatur corps. Bert Shaw was the Marshal's first lieutenant. He didn't carry a club.

Wet Weather politicians.

The state prohibition convention is in session to-day at Springfield. The candidates for the various offices are as follows:

Governor—J. Ross Henthorn, Monmouth; Dr. J. G. Evans, president of Hanning College, Abingdon; Judge David McCullough, Paris; George W. Gere, Champaign.

Lieutenant-Governor—E. D. Wise, Chicago; General C. H. Howard, Chicago.

Secretary of State—J. A. Watts, Nashvilles; R. J. Baggett, grand secretary of the Good Templars.

Attorney-General—Robert H. Patton, Springfield.

State Treasurer—Thomas S. Marshall, Salem.

COMMENCEMENT.

Graduation Exercises to Be Held Friday Forenoon—Historical.

The twenty-fifth Commencement exercises of the Decatur High School will be held at the Grand Opera House on Friday, June 3d, beginning at 9:30 o'clock. There will be 24 graduates in the class. The following will be the exercises:

Invocation—Rev. W. C. Miller
Salutatory—Miss M. C. Miller
Valedictory—Miss M. C. Miller
Address—Prof. Robert Walker
Prize Giving—Miss M. C. Miller
Benediction—Rev. W. C. Miller

There will be no Alumni exercises at night, only the banquet and reception at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

UNUSUAL RECORD of class of '92.
Average age of pupils, 18 years, 5 months; youngest boy, 15 years and 8 months; oldest boy, 20 years; oldest girl, 19 years and 10 months; youngest girl, 16 years, 6 months. Average weight of the girls, 113 pounds; heaviest, 140; lightest, 95. Average weight of the boys, 134 pounds; heaviest, 162; lightest, 90. Average height of the girls, 5 feet, 4 inches; tallest, 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches; shortest, 5 feet, 2 inches. Average size of boys' shoes, 6 1/2; largest, 8; smallest, 5. Average size of girls' shoes, 4; largest, 6; smallest, 2 1/2. Average size of girls' gloves, 6.

There are 9 blondes, 10 demi-blondes, 4 brunettes and 1 negro.
Denominational—Presbyterians, 5; Methodists, 6; Baptists, 8; Congregational, 2; Lutherans, 1; Catholics, 1. Politics—Republican, 17; Democrat, 3; Prohibition, 3; F. M. B. A., 1. Occupation of father—Merchant, 2; manufacturer, 10; book-keeper, 1; lawyer, 1; engineer, 1; retired farmer, 2; retired merchant, 1. Number named after, 1; number expecting to go to college, 6; number entered, girls, 64; boys, 68; total, 122; graduates, 24.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Death of Mrs. Mary Abrams at Her Home on Mason Street.

Mrs. Mary Abrams, aged 60 years, mother of William Blake, lies cold in death at her home in the brick house at 315 East Mason street. Last night between 11 and 12 o'clock, during the temporary absence of her son, a lamp in the room occupied by the old lady exploded, and while she attempted to save the house from destruction by throwing the lamp out the back door, her clothing took fire, and before she could come she was fatally burned. Her screams brought Blake and Charles Kemper to the house, and also Officer W. W. Conard, who found Mrs. Abrams standing in the middle of the room, all the clothing burnt off her body. Her screams were agonizing and heart-rending. Dr. J. Rutenbrod was summoned, but he could do but little to alleviate the sufferings of the woman, who died shortly after two o'clock this morning. It will never be known just how the accident occurred, but it was evident to those who first arrived at the scene that Mrs. Abrams had done all she could to prevent the burning of the house. In this she was unsuccessful, but it cost her her life. The body presented a shocking appearance, burnt from head to foot, the worst on the face, neck, arms and hands.

It was not deemed necessary to hold an inquest.

The funeral will take place from Jones Chapel to-morrow at 10 a. m., Rev. J. T. Kinley officiating.

MATRIMONIAL.

The marriage of Clyde R. Lyon, of this city, son of George B. Lyon, and Miss Minnie B. Bryant, of Englewood, will be solemnized to-morrow, June 1st, at the home of the bride in Englewood. The couple will arrive in Decatur Thursday morning and for the present will be at home to their friends at 748 West Eldorado street. The groom is the well-known bookkeeper and collector for the Lyon & Armstrong company and the bride was formerly a resident of this city, the family afterwards moving to Englewood. Her many friends will welcome her return to the city.

Decatur friends have received invitations to attend the marriage of Miss Lizzie May Morgan to Harvey Butler George at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. David Nichol at 2210 Bryant avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn., on Thursday evening, June 9th at 8:30 o'clock. The bride elect was formerly a resident of Decatur, when she was a student at the Decatur High School.

An Indoor Picnic.

An enjoyable picnic was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Donna Buckingham on West William street. The young ladies came at 2 o'clock with well filled lunch baskets. The young men arrived soon after and at 4:30 a good supper was spread. The afternoon was passed with croquet and various games. Those present were Misses Donna Buckingham, Maud Barnes, Emma Harpette, Mary Olay, Kate Quinlan, Nettie Haug, Hattie Croswan, Ernest Lytle, Carol McIntyre, Jesse Whitall, Lon Tuttle, Mac Croswan, Tom Wood, Milton Johnson.

A Petrified Snake.

Saturday while Henry Daley was digging a well at the residence on North Monroe street formerly occupied by Henry Lunn and family, he came across a petrified snake. He presented it to his friend, Bob Ferguson, who has placed it among his collection of curiosities at his office in Central Block. It is an excellent petrification and resembles in shape that of a sleeping serpent.

Sales of Real Estate.

Joseph D. Reynolds to Frank W. Caldwell, deed to lot 11, block 11, Orrer's addition—\$2500.
John C. Miller to R. B. Willard, deed to lots 24 and 25, block 11, Wood's Walnut Grove addition—\$300.
F. E. W. Ferguson to C. L. Seadley, deed to the undivided one-half of 56 feet off the south end of lot 7, block 13, R. R. addition to Mason—\$500.

Concert at Riverside.

There was a free concert at Riverside Park last night given by Goodman's Band under the auspices of the City Electric Railway company. Hundreds of people were there despite the rain, and the crowd was so large that the music, of course, was gild.

Govt. Casanova is the only state in the Union in which no official record of marriage is kept.

STOOD THEIR GROUND.

Old Veterans Not Frightened by the Rain at Greenwood.

During the Memorial exercises at Greenwood yesterday evening dark clouds hovered over the city, and looked quite leaky just as Rev. E. W. Onal began to deliver the address. A few drops of rain came, and there was a general scamper on the part of many in the vast audience which faced the stand. None of the Grand Army Post members stirred. They stood their ground, and probably would not have retreated had there been a deluge. Rev. Onal stopped and inquired if he should go ahead, and all said yes, and soon the sprinkling ceased and the services were concluded as arranged. The salutes were fired under the direction of Captain Coladay of the Decatur Guards.

The procession was the largest ever witnessed on a memorial occasion in Decatur, and presented an imposing appearance as it moved with measured tread, through the streets to the silent city of the dead.

Captain A. T. Grist was in command of Decatur Division No. 36, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, and the Division served as a special escort for the civic societies, the Woman's Relief Corps and those in carriage. At the cemetery Captain Grist brought the Knights to a division front, and with drawn swords at a present, they saluted the organizations and ladies as they passed on toward the graves. It was a most impressive and courteous show the organizations, a compliment due wholly to the thoughtfulness of the Captain. The Knights never appeared to a better advantage. They were handsome in soldierly bearing and their elegant uniforms and bright accoutrements attracted general admiring attention.

There were many beautiful banners in the procession—banners belonging to the different trade unions, whose members turned out in goodly numbers.

THE CASH CORN CORNER.

Failure of Coster-Martin, the Manipulators.

During the past few days Coster-Martin have been running a corner on May corn on the Chicago Board of Trade. Saturday they had the price up to 82 cents at one time, the market closing at 80 cents. This was the day of reckoning for the shorts, who were supposed to be hopelessly lost. At 11:30 the price was up to \$1 a bushel, but after that Coster-Martin themselves went short, not on corn, but on cash. They had no money to carry the debt further, and their operatives refused to make further purchases of corn offered without safe margins, and consequently the shorts at the price down to 45¢ cents, the closing quotation for to-day. The house of R. E. Pratt & Co. represented Coster-Martin in the deal. They were not in the deal in any sense except as commission men, and Coster-Martin falling to put up the required margin to-day Pratt & Co. quit them cold. Possibly Coster-Martin will be able to save themselves, but it is not likely. Pratt & Co. are in no sense affected by the failure.

DEATH OF DR. E. W. WEEMS.

Sad News from Spokane Falls to Decatur and Other Relatives.

This morning Dr. and Mrs. Hiram Buck received a telegram from Spokane Falls, Washington, stating briefly that Dr. E. W. Weems had died in that city on Monday afternoon at four o'clock. There are no particulars. Dr. Weems was a son of Dr. T. D. Weems, Methodist pastor at Illinois, and eight years ago was a practicing physician in Decatur. He married Miss Lulu Lowe, niece of Mrs. Buck, and the widow and two children, a son and daughter, survive. The family resided in Kansas five years and then removed to Spokane. Dr. Weems had trouble with his lungs for a number of years and has been dangerously ill at frequent intervals. He was coroner of Spokane county at the time of his death, and was held in the highest esteem by the people here. His age was about 30 years. The burial will probably occur at Spokane.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. G. Shea went to Danville to-day.
J. W. May returned from his business.
Will Downing is in Monticello to-day.
Bob Ferguson has returned from Chicago.

June Blackburn is in Olney on business.

The three-year-old son of Henry May is quite sick.

Guy Parks and F. R. Shall visited Springfield yesterday.

Attorney and Mrs. H. P. Page visited Springfield yesterday.

Mrs. W. B. Chambers has returned from her visit to Chicago.

A. R. Townsend, of Chicago, is the guest of Bob Ferguson.

Miss Alice Kessler returned to-day from a visit with friends at a good place.

Mrs. L. Oshelmer is confined to her home on East Eldorado street by illness.

W. T. Stamper and daughter, Mrs. C. G. Martin, are in Chicago visiting relatives.

Miss Emma Klett and Ida Boone spent Decoration Day with friends in Monticello.

Filmore D. Garver and Louis Elzy visited friends in Monticello Sunday and Monday.

Isaac Poeper and other veterans of Mason heard the Memorial address in Decatur yesterday.

F. H. Burroughs left last night for Fremont to attend the funeral of Gen. B. P. Burkland.

Dr. and Mrs. D. N. Moore will depart the earlier part of the week for California to visit their son, Dr. Moore, who is visiting Mrs. Fred Brown. They will visit other points of interest along the coast.

Mr. J. H. R. R. and son, Kilburn, departed to-day for Tacoma, Wash., to visit Mrs. Fred Brown. They will visit other points of interest along the coast.

ENOYABLY ENTERTAINED.

How the "Crescent" and "College Hill" Tennis Clubs Passed Memorial Day.

The College Hill Lawn Tennis Club played yesterday afternoon between the showers at their courts at the corner of West Eldorado and North College streets and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather passed a very pleasant afternoon. The game was quite spirited while it lasted, and interest in this delightful sport is greatly increased this season and there will undoubtedly be a number of splendid games played before its close. The club is the largest in the city and contains among its members some excellent players. The club includes Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dawson, Miss Mary Stafford, Ellis and Lillie Hanes, Mame Freeman, Margaret Williams, Emma Ford, M. E. Bachman, Maria Bucking, Will Bachman, Gus Wilmoth, Adolph Mueller, George Mathews, Dr. J. W. McKinnon, John Murphy, Harry Ford, Brock Irwin, Arthur Flood, C. Kellam, W. Boyd and F. W. Caldwell. At the close of the game the club repaired to the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Summers, at 716 West William street, where an elaborate supper was served, after which the evening was passed with music, cards and dancing. The members of the club were highly delighted at the manner in which they were entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Summers. Miss L. E. Pagram of Lincoln, were present and assisted their sister, Mrs. A. T. Summers, very charmingly in the entertainment of her guests.

THE "CRESCENTS."

The Crescent Lawn Tennis Club had made extensive preparations for a large picnic and game on Memorial Day but owing to the unpropitious state of the weather the plans were given up. The club went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hildebrandt in Riverside Place and passed the afternoon and evening very agreeably with games and dancing. At 6:30 an elegant supper was served to the guests. The members of the club present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hildebrandt, Misses V. Mabel and Bess Mills, Julia Hill, Ella Badenhausen, Bertha Whitmer, Mattie Foster, Addie and Clara Ebert and Messrs. Will Wood, Harry Mathews, of Chicago, Ash Hopkins, Fred Robert and Oscar Mueller, Oscar Dawson and Smith Walker, of Bethany. This club is in a very prosperous condition and their meetings are always great successes socially. A matched game between the two clubs would be very interesting and enjoyable to the members of each. There is some little rivalry between them.

RAILWAY HORROR.

(Special to the REPUBLICAN.)
CHICAGO, May 31.—It is reported that a Lake Erie passenger train went through a bridge near Fisher station, near Indianapolis, this morning. A number of people are said to have been killed.

L. F. ABRAMS.

Decatur's Leading Photographer Artist.

It was the writer's privilege to recently visit a photographic studio in this city, which takes an honorable position among the leading art galleries of this country, and we refer to that of Mr. L. F. Abrams. His work not only demonstrates that he is a close student, but a born artist. Twenty years ago William Notman of Montreal, Earle Kinsley of Rutland, and Sarony of New York, were regarded as the great triumvirate of photographic artists and later Atwood of Burlington, and Walcott of Boston, presented to the public many fine and commendable pieces of work, but compared with the productions of to-day they are virtually blind representations.

Now a word relative to Mr. Abrams' studio, which is over the Messers, Peddycord & Burrows' bank. His work shows simply this: that first he is an excellent judge of human nature, he evidently never sits or poses a patron for a picture, hence his negative produces a truthful, homelike presentation. His lights, shadows and perspective all surroundings demonstrate plain that he is a master of his profession. Many of us know "that baby's picture," if taken by a gentleman of a parental turn of mind, shows all the good qualities of the father or mother, and in this Mr. Abrams is most successful. In other words the people of Decatur and vicinity are most fortunate in having in their very midst a photographic artist like the gentleman of whom we speak. We will add, in conclusion, that the spring time is just the time for a view of your own vine and fig tree, the home, and what better souvenir could you send a distant friend? This gentleman has every facility for the finest of outside work, and when it comes to crayon, ink or pastel his work is in the highest order and gives only satisfaction.

Day of Prayer.

There was a large congregation at the morning service at the A. M. E. church to-day, and many fervent prayers were offered in behalf of the colored race in the south. Doubtless the church will be crowded to-night at the concluding service. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Archie Ward, Rev. J. S. Wood and others. It will be a memorable meeting. All are invited as long as there is standing room.

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Orators on Memorial Day.

Among those who delivered Memorial addresses in Illinois yesterday were: At Charleston, Rev. W. F. Gilmore of Shelbyville; at Virginia, Rev. J. M. Billingsley; at Edwardsville, Hon. A. W. Metcalf and Rev. Beverscraft; at Metropolis, Judge Barker; at Olney, John F. Scanlan, of Chicago; at Jacksonville, Prof. W. D. Sanders; at Marshall, Rev. W. W. Jacobs, of Kansas, Ill.; at McLeansboro, Dr. Waller; at Freeport, Col. Thomas C. Fullerton, of Ottawa; at Rockford, Hon. W. F. Calhoun, of Decatur; at Quincy, Col. W. W. Berry; at the Soldiers' Home, Capt. George M. Jones; at Beardstown, Rev. W. S. Calhoun and Rev. D. A. Blase; at Lincoln, Rev. E. D. Wilkin and Elder Jewett; at Galena, Rev. Henry Elliott Mott, of Dubuque; at Jerseyville, Gen. John I. Rinkner; at Taylorville, Rev. Evert; at Tuscola, Hon. Albert Emerson, of Danville; at Fairbury, Rev. Father Quinlan and C. F. H. Cretcher; at Clinton, Hon. D. W. Mann, of Chicago; at Quincy, Hon. J. F. Brown; at Vandalia, and C. R. Terence, of Cowden; at Dixon, Edward Tharlan, of Rock Island; at Springfield, Gen. Horace Clark, of Mattoon; at Bloomington, President W. H. Wilder, of the Wesleyan; at Aurora, Col. James A. Sexton, of Chicago; at Monticello, Judge F. M. Wright, of Urbana; at Champaign, Rev. C. N. Wilder; at Vandalia, Rev. F. C. Kessler; at Chester, Capt. Wm. McKim, of Truckeeville; at Girard, Col. Beese, F. F. Wood and A. C. Terry; at Greenfield, Rev. J. B. Wolf, of Carlinville; at Ellettsburg, Rev. U. W. Lucy, of Lovington; at Aledo, Gen. Geo. Hunt; at Danville, S. G. Wilson; at Roseville, Hon. J. C. Cannon; at Central in Rev. S. E. Davies; at Paxton, Governor Fifer; at Morrisville, Dr. Jerome Thompson.

A Miniature Masonic Temple.

While in Chicago Bob Ferguson purchased a miniature metal representation of the Masonic fraternity temple in Chicago. It is four inches high and two wide, and each of the 20 stories is plainly outlined; on the bottom of the design are the dimensions of the real temple, which are 170 feet front by 114 feet deep and 322 feet high, consisting of 20 stories without the roof and erected at an expenditure of \$4,500,000.

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